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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

EMARIE ORNELAS,

Defendant.

Case No.: 1:20 CR 241 DAD/BAM

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT  
ORNELAS' REQUEST TO FILE A  
PLEADING UNDER SEAL AND EX PARTE

The Court hereby finds that compelling interests in preserving the privileged nature of attorney-client communications and providing Ms. Ornelas with due process of law in the instant criminal prosecution, mandate granting Ms. Ornelas' sealing request as to the pleading lodged with the Court on May 31, 2022.

For the same reasons, the Court also finds that it is appropriate to grant Ms. Ornelas' request to file that pleading *ex parte*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 15, 2022

/s/ Eric P. Gray  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE